

Navigating Chemical Compound Space ... Directly and Inversely

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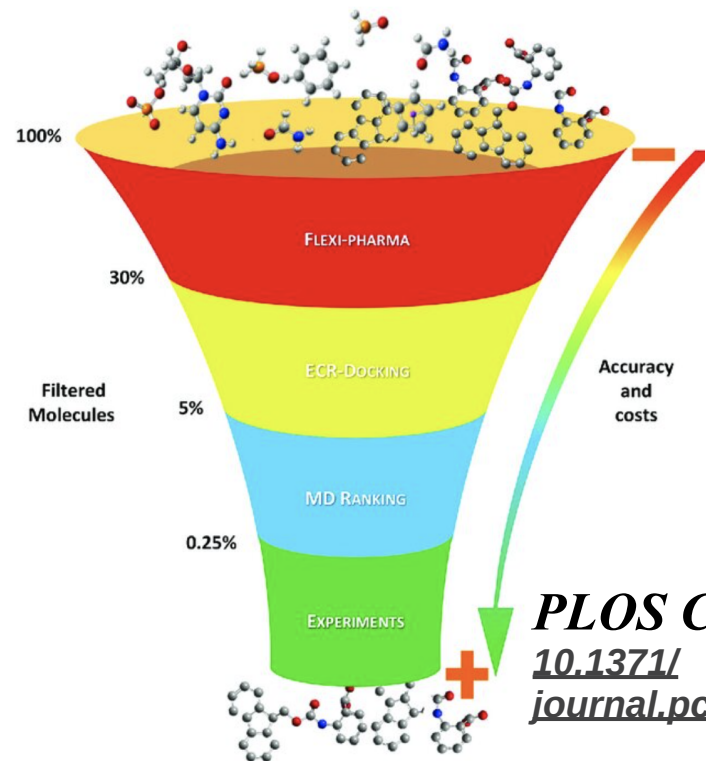
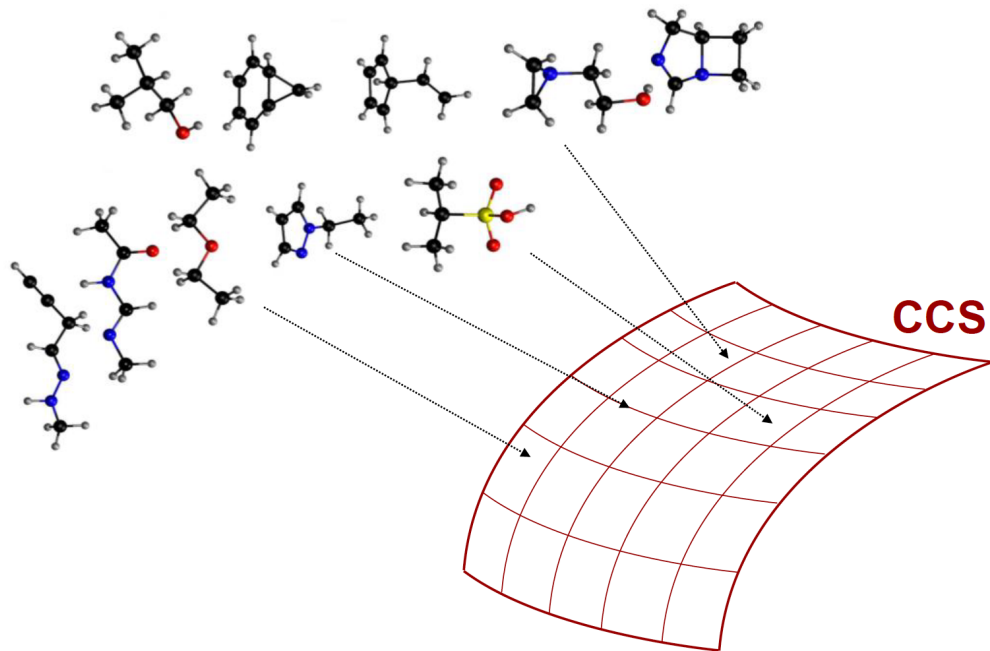
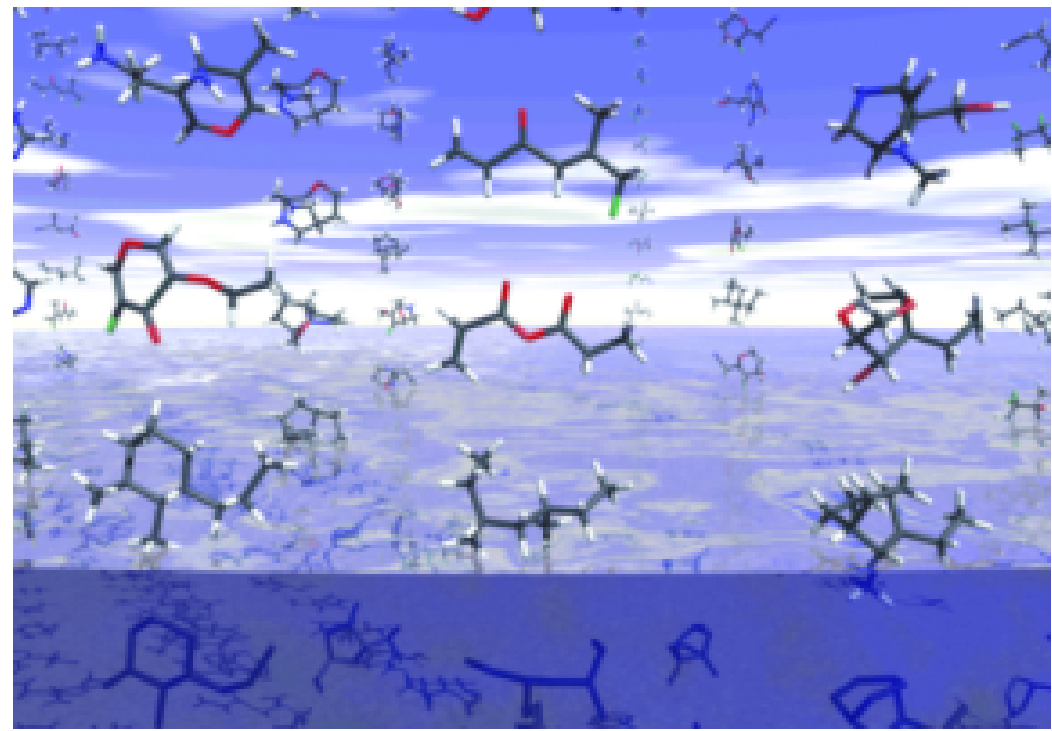
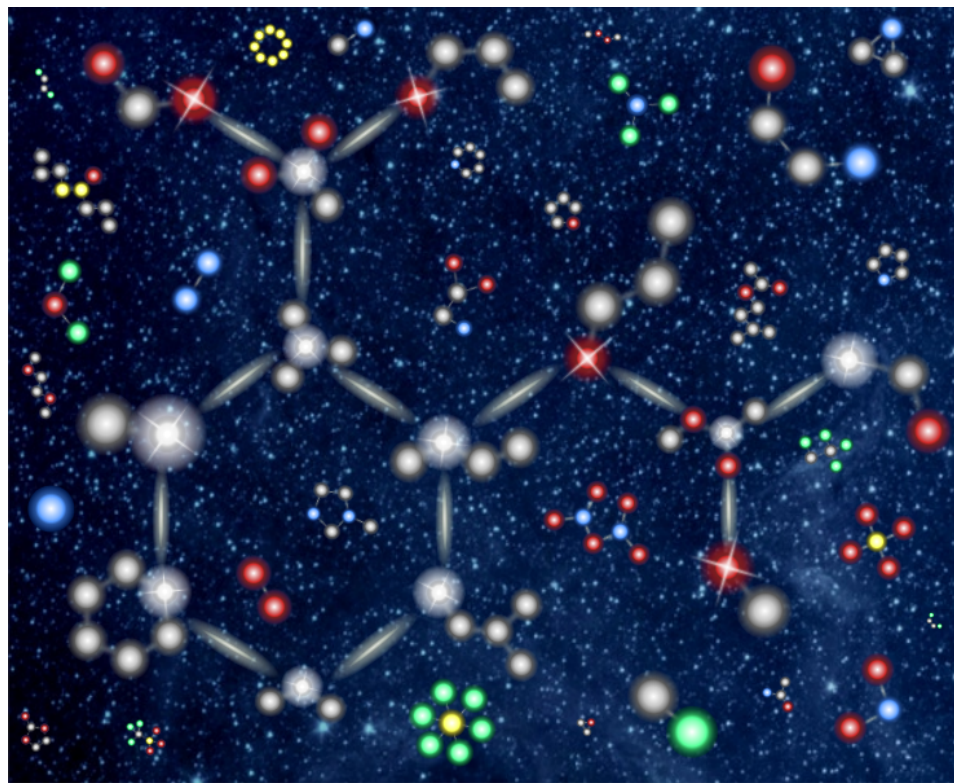
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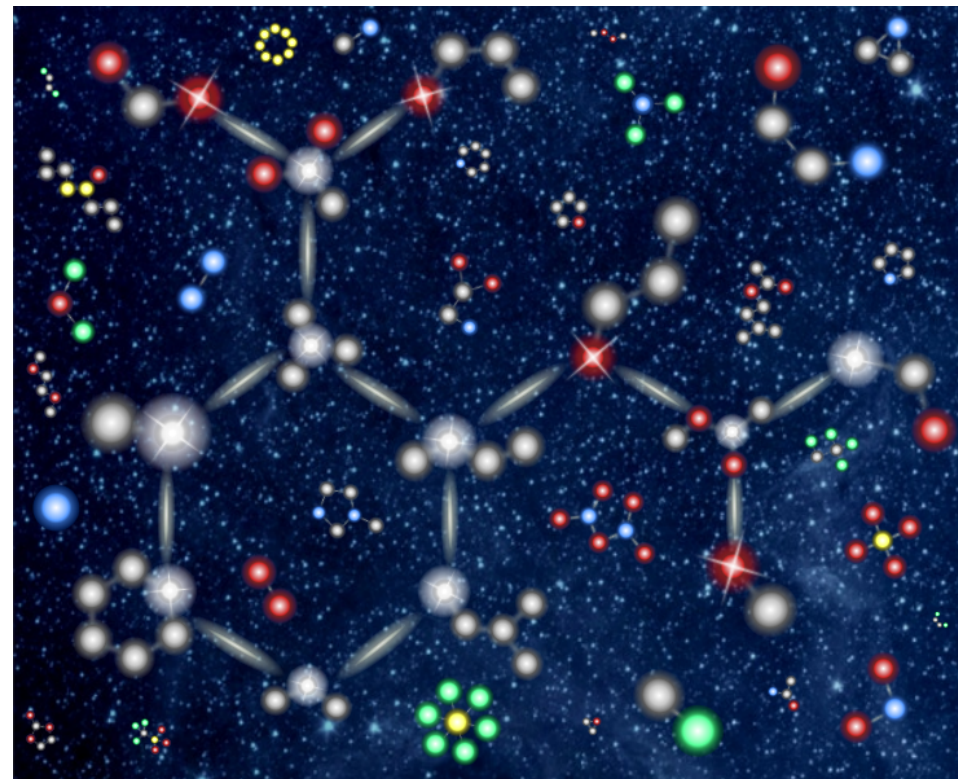
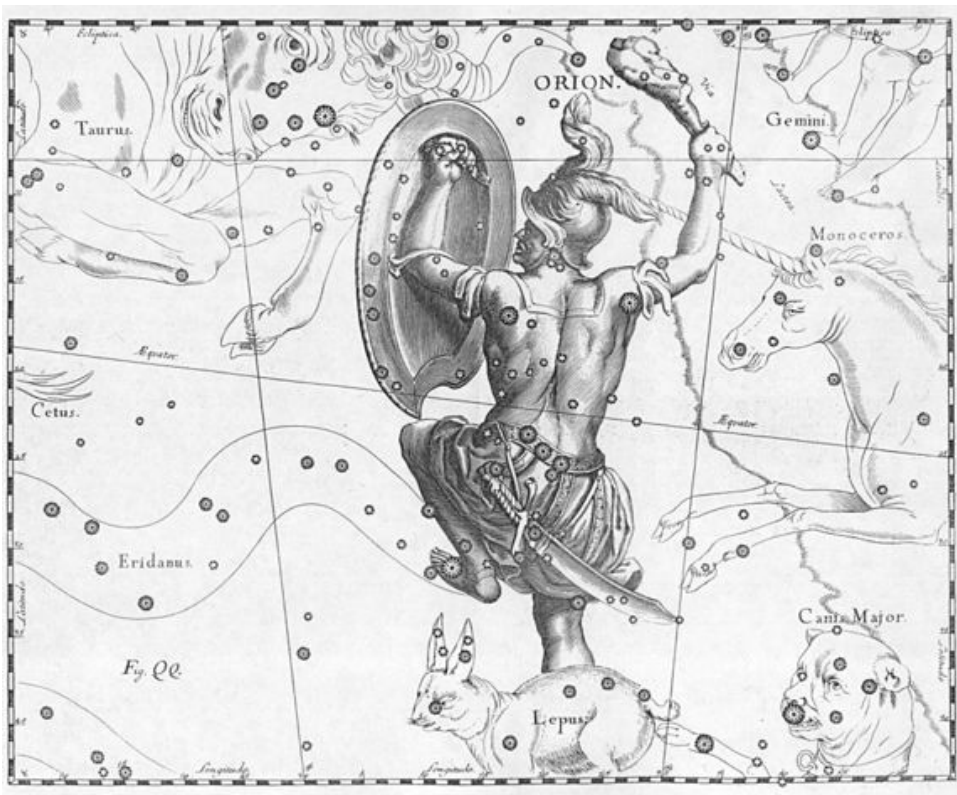
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Our Wildest Dream: Discovering “Constellations” in Chemical Space



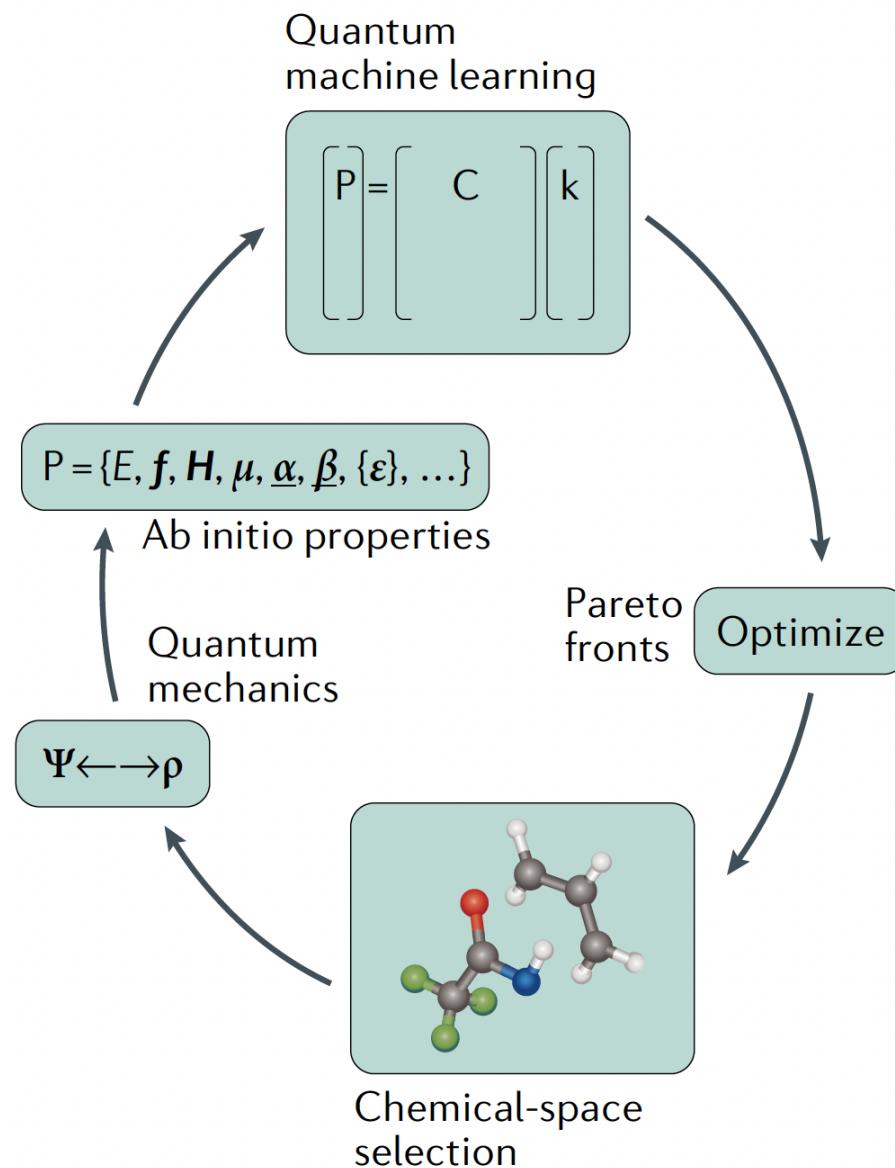
Constellation Orion, Credit: Wikipedia

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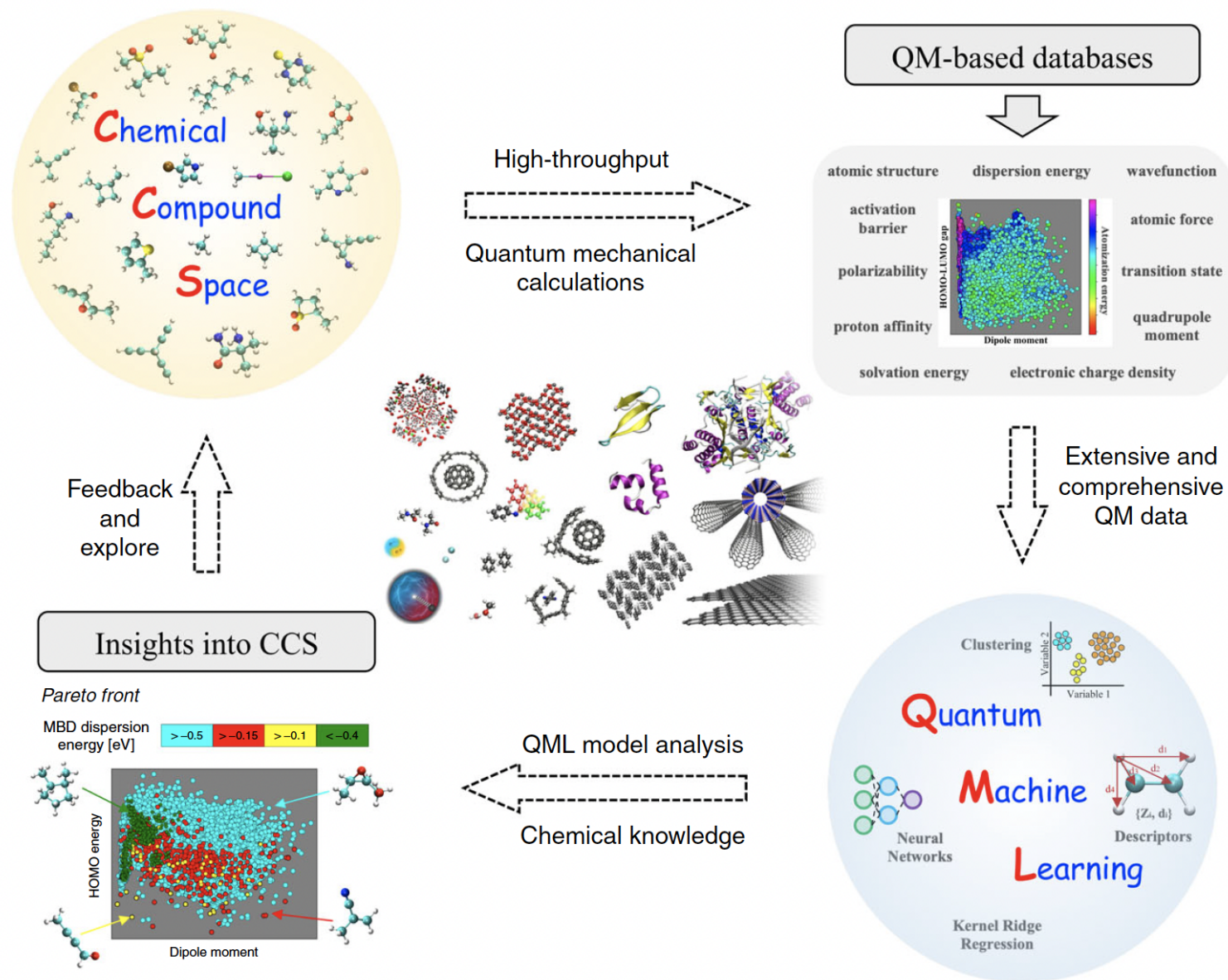
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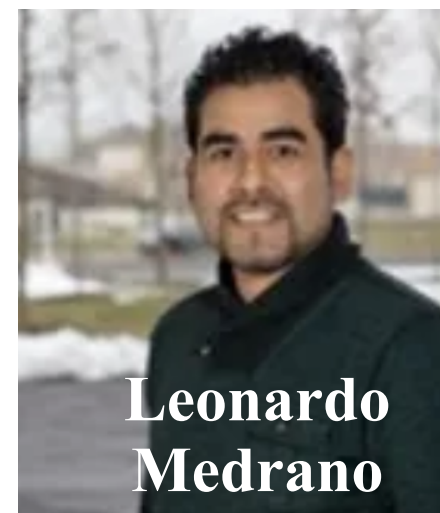
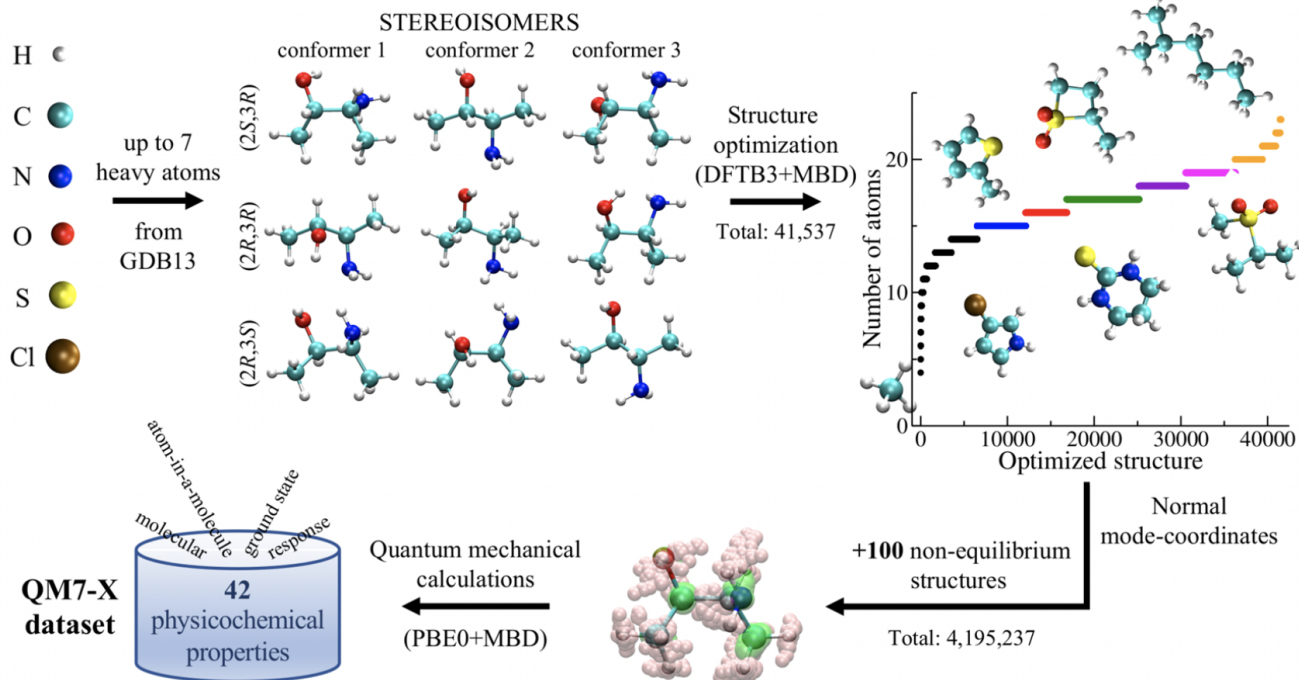
CCS of Small Molecules: QM7-X Dataset

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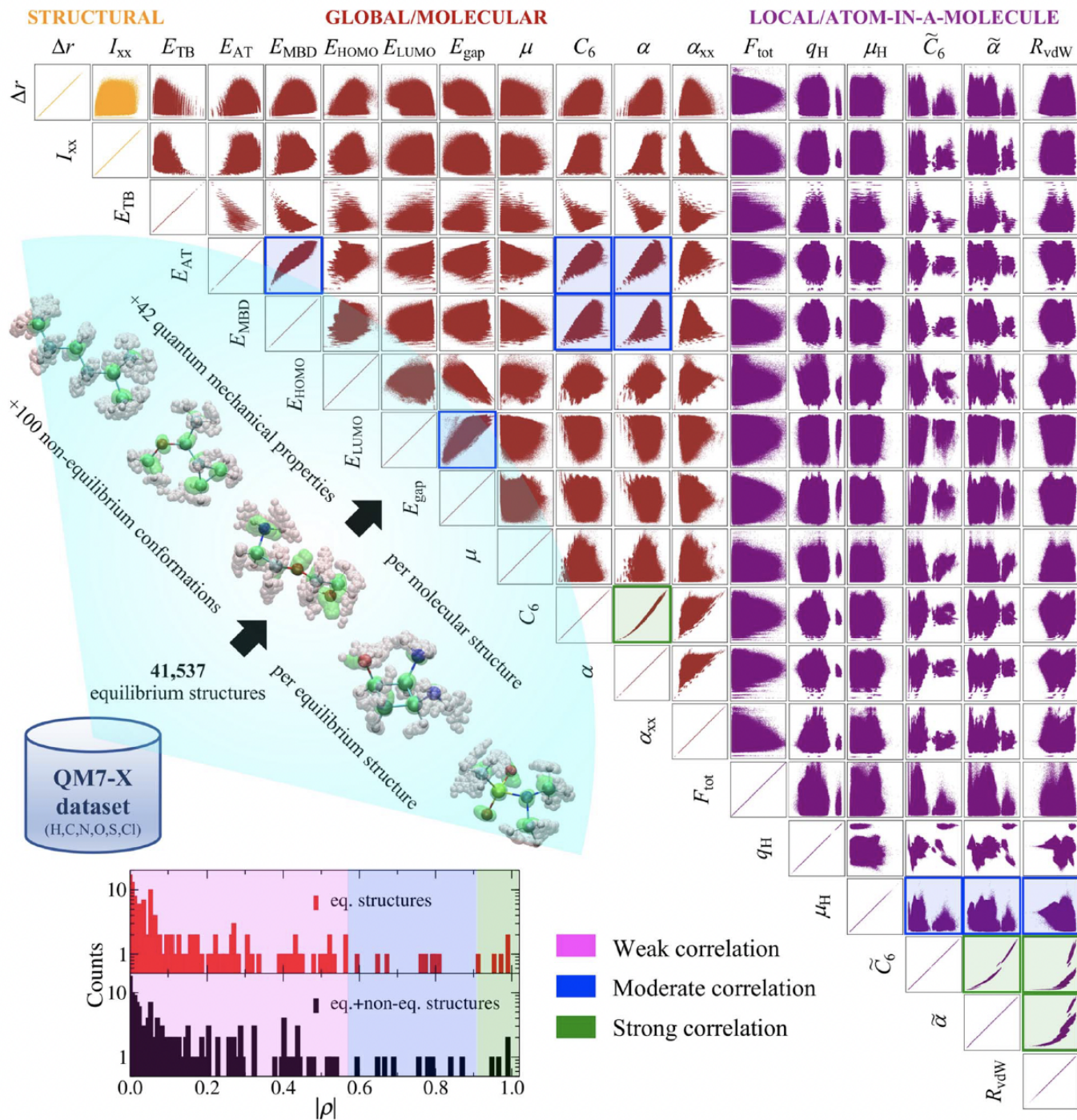
QM7-X, a comprehensive dataset of quantum-mechanical properties spanning the chemical space of small organic molecules

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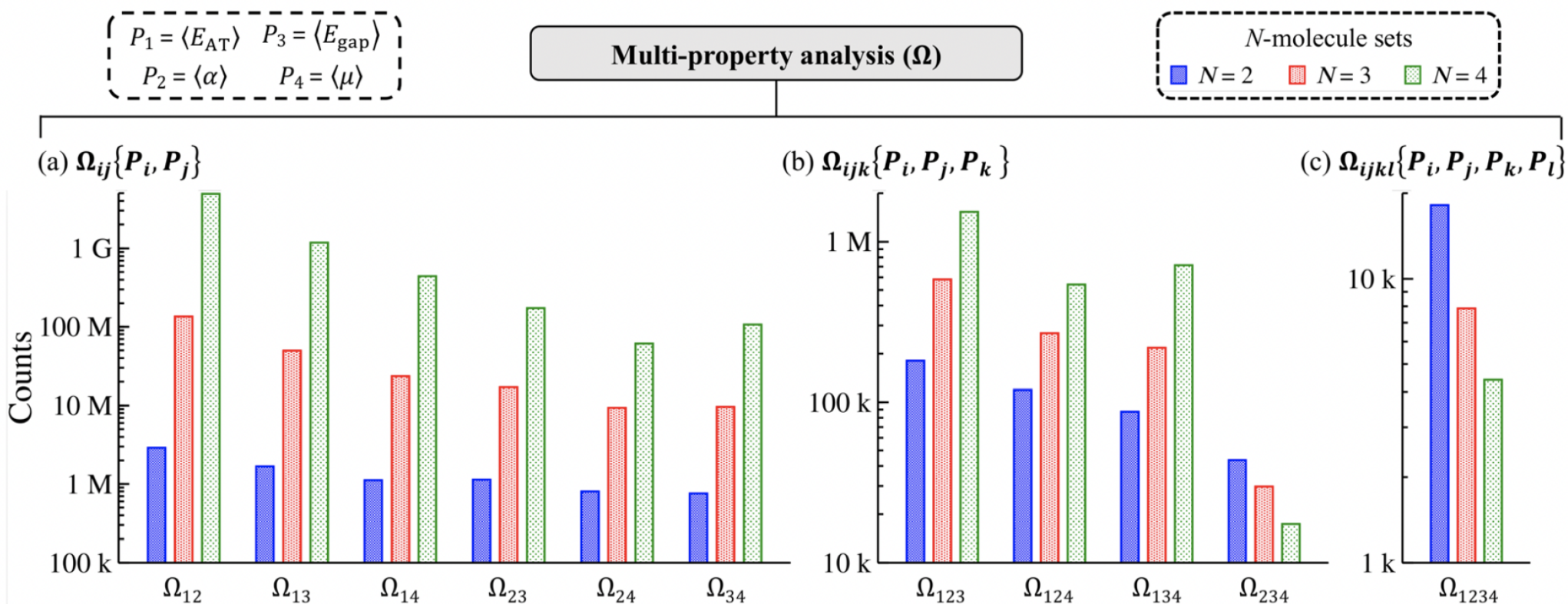


“Freedom of design” in chemical compound space: towards rational *in silico* design of molecules with targeted quantum-mechanical properties†

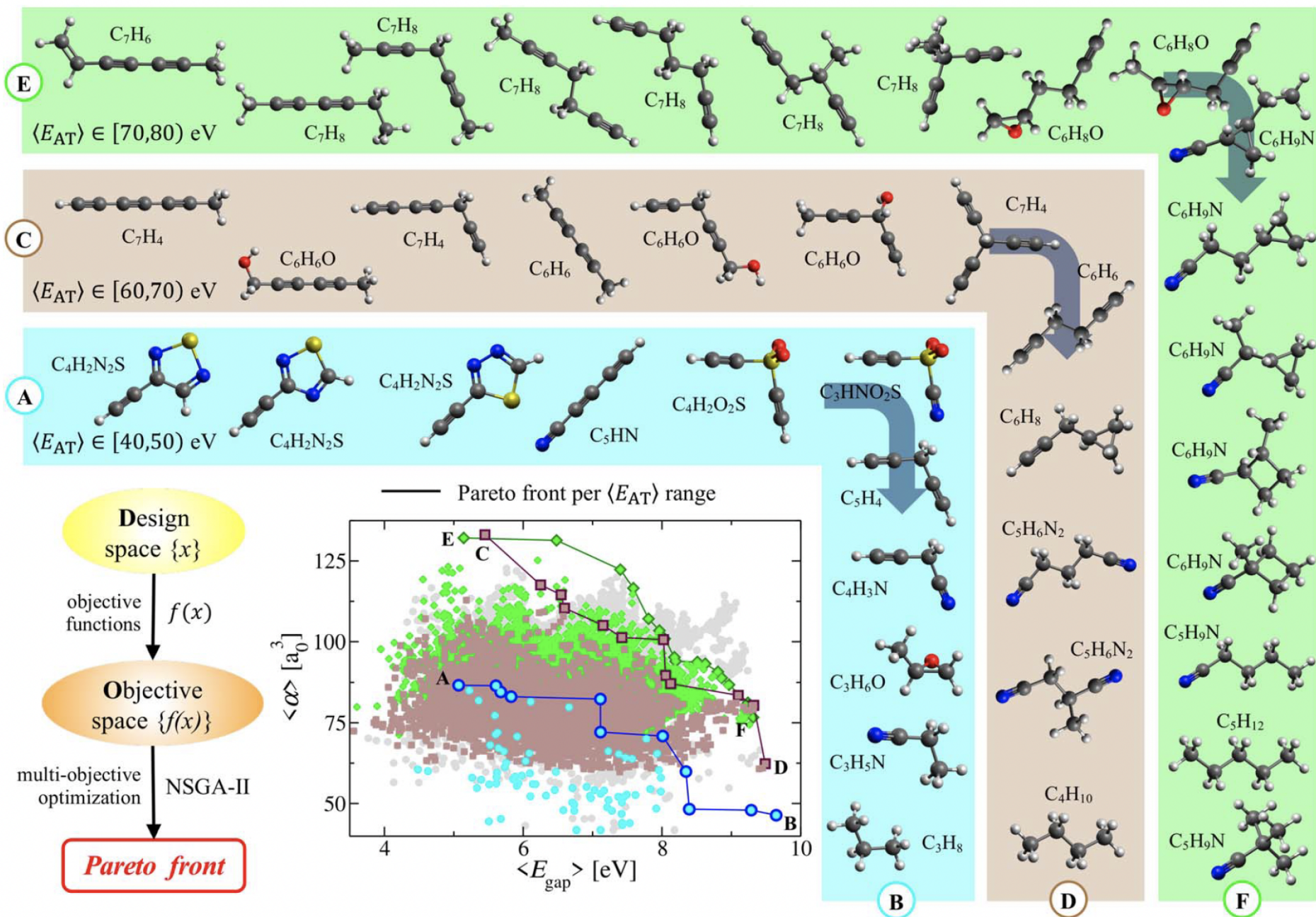
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Chemical Compound Space: Pareto Fronts



L. Medrano Sandonas et al., Chem. Sci. 14, 10702 (2023).

(Baby)-Steps Towards Inverse Molecular Design

Can we parameterize the
chemical space of structures with
a select set of QM properties?

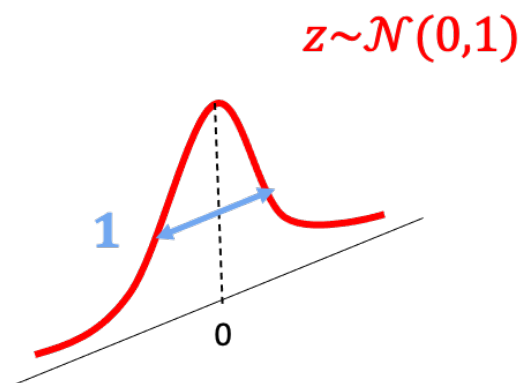
Goal:

ML model to map QM properties
to structures

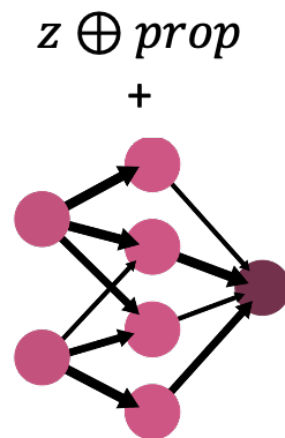
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A closely related problem is already addressed by a plethora of conditional generative models following this scheme:

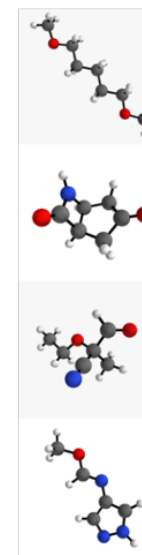
1) Sample a Normal distribution...



2)...condition on one/two properties...



3)...obtain some molecules



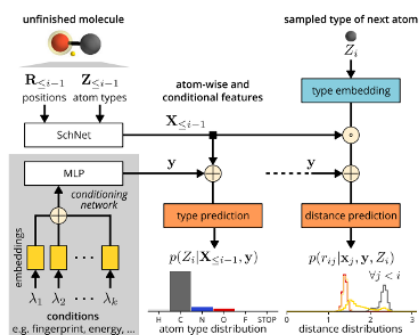
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Two very successful examples with 3D structures...

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-28526-y> OPEN

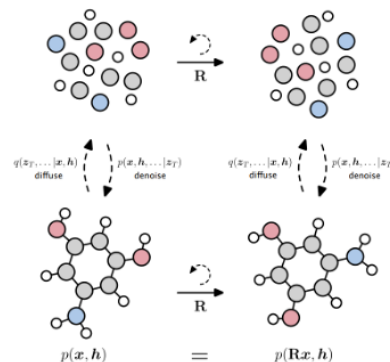
Inverse design of 3d molecular structures with conditional generative neural networks

Niklas W. A. Gebauer^{1,2,3}, Michael Gastegger^{1,3}, Stefaan S. P. Hessmann^{1,2}, Klaus-Robert Müller^{1,2,4,5} & Kristof T. Schütt^{1,2}



Equivariant Diffusion for Molecule Generation in 3D

Emiel Hoogetboom^{*1} Victor Garcia Satorras^{*1} Clément Vignac^{*2} Max Welling¹



...but they are not direct deterministic properties-structure mappings

Hoogetboom et al. ARXIV.2203.17003 2022

Gebauer et al. Nat Commun 2022 13, 973

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Inverse Mapping of Quantum Properties to Structures for Chemical Space of Small Organic Molecules

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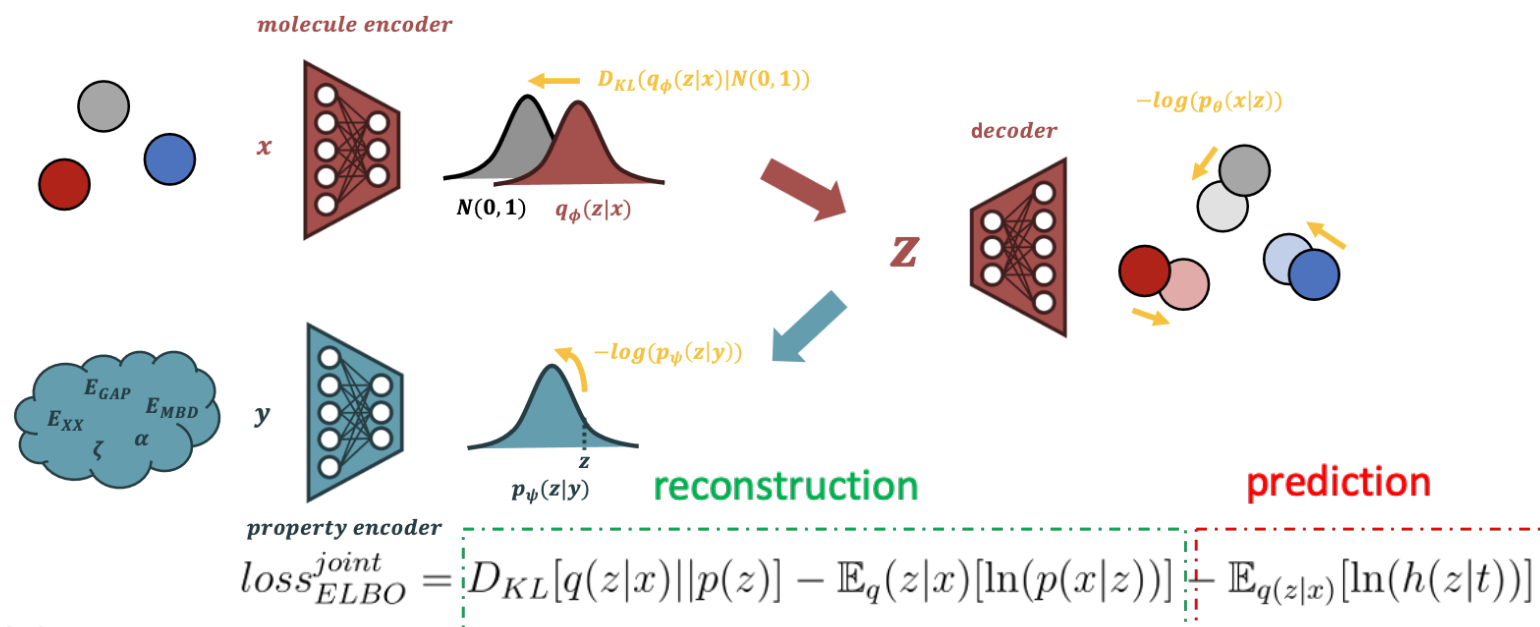
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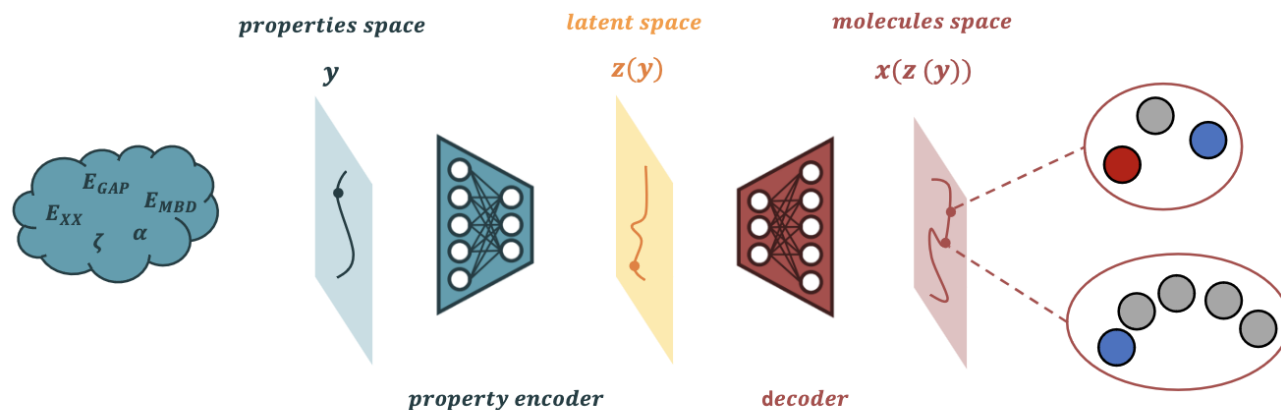
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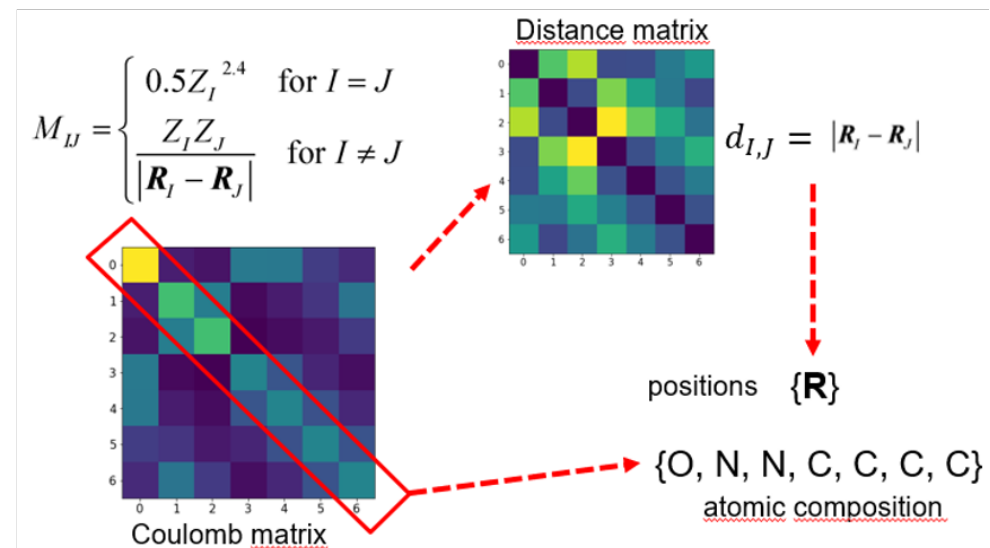
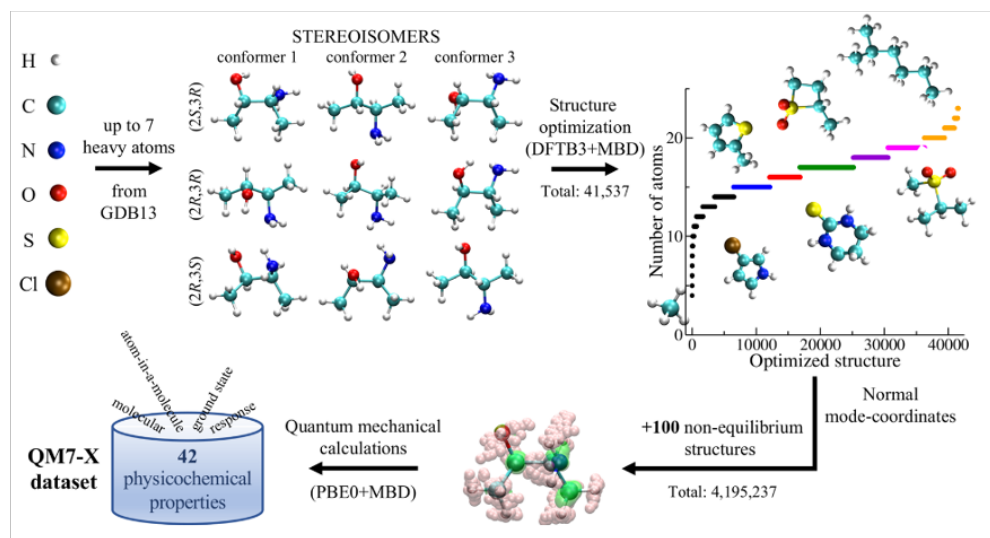
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(Baby)-Steps Towards Inverse Molecular Design: Dataset and Representation

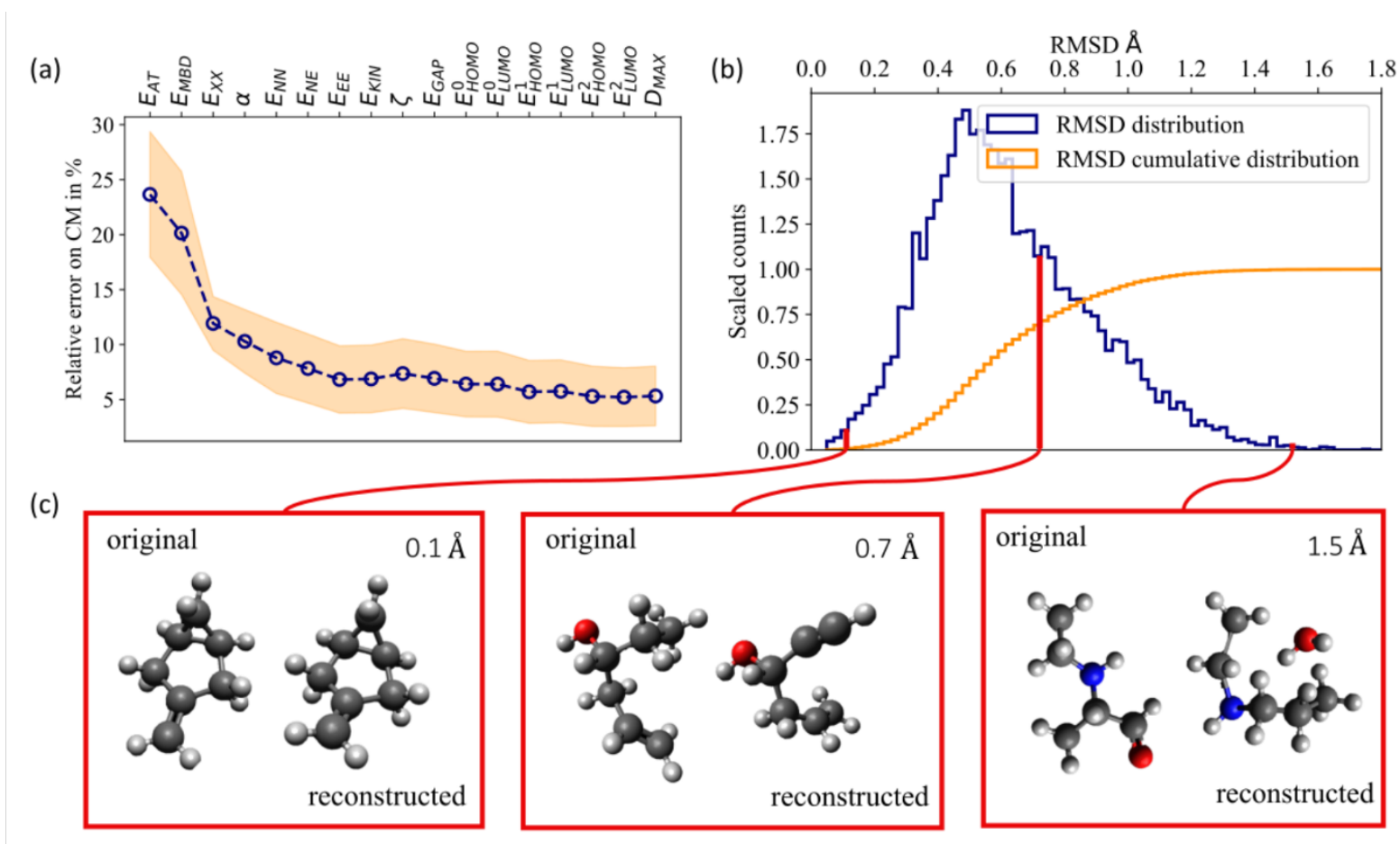
- We use only equilibrium structures containing H, C, N, O from the QM7-X dataset, and an array of 17 molecular properties
- The representation is a Coulomb matrix without hydrogens, allowing for relative positions and atomic composition retrieval



(Baby)-Steps Towards Inverse Molecular Design: Structure Reconstruction from QM Properties

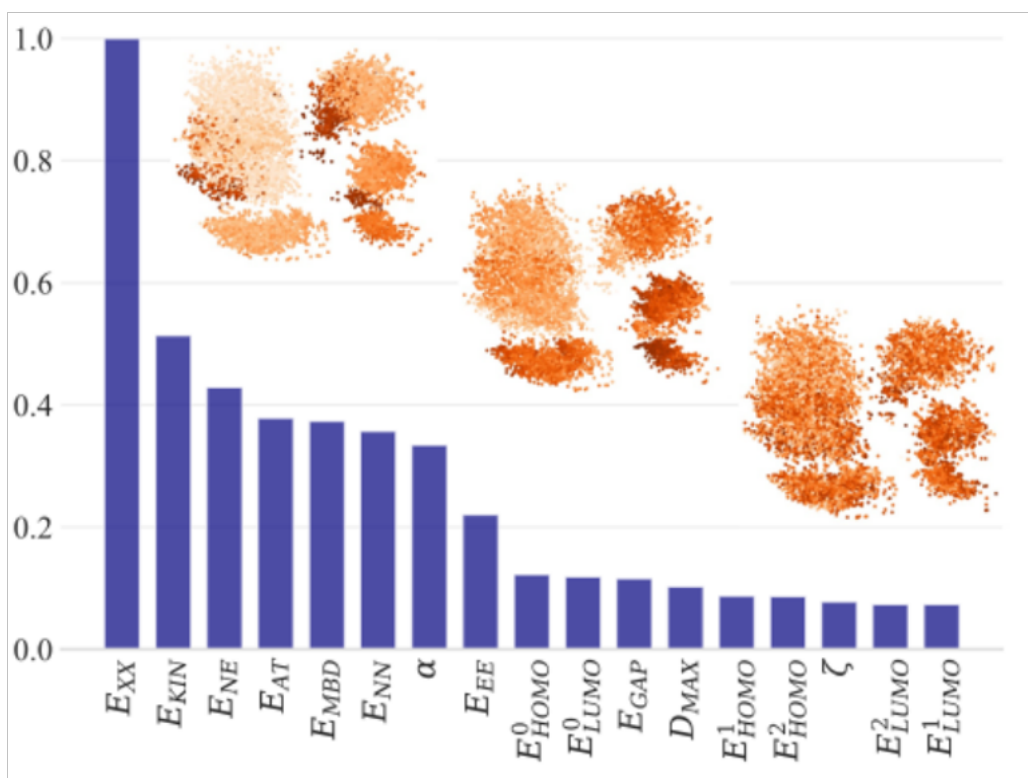
- The Coulomb matrices in the test set are reconstructed within an error close to 5%

- The structures differ by an $\langle \text{RMSD} \rangle = 0.6 \text{ \AA}$ wrt the corresponding molecules in the test set.



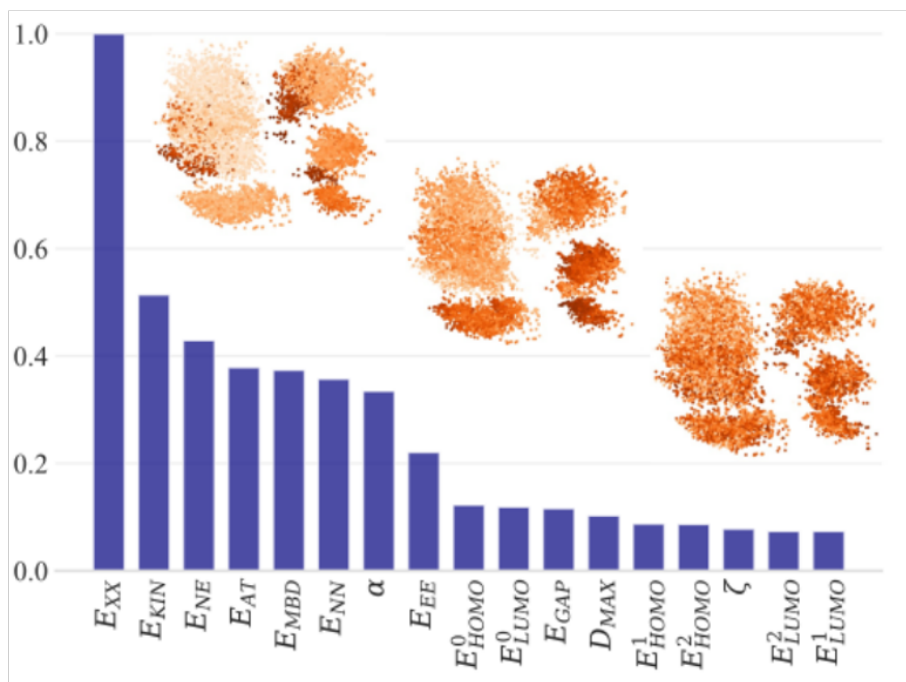
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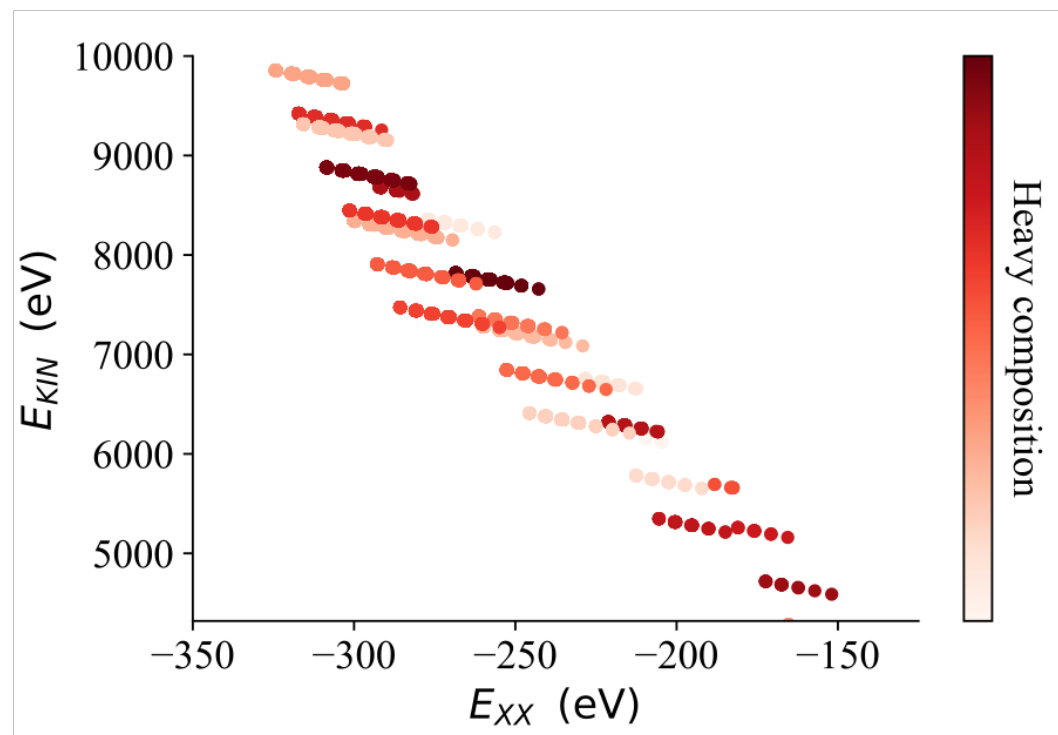


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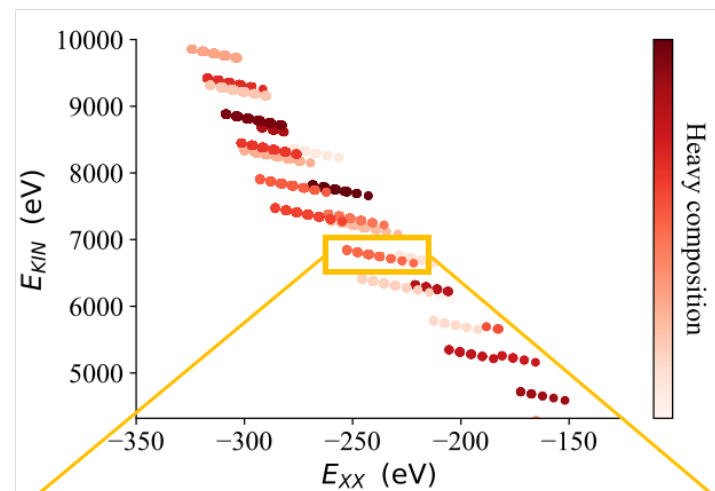
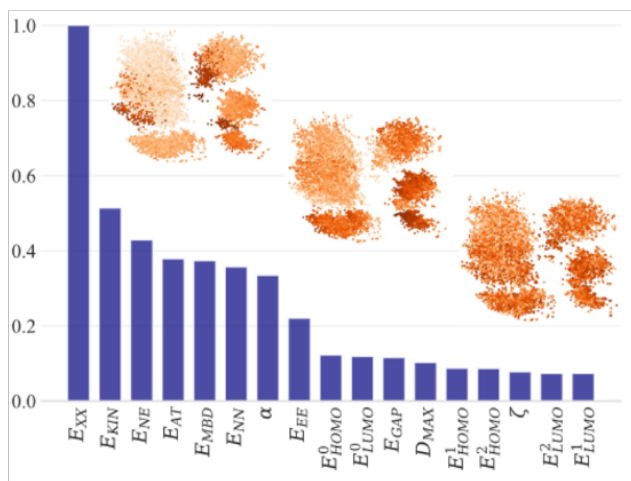


- We find that those properties organize the dataset in *stripes* of molecules with same heavy atom composition

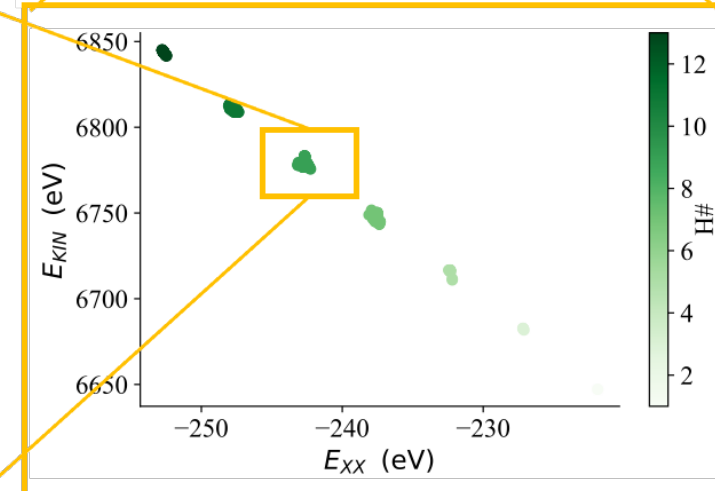
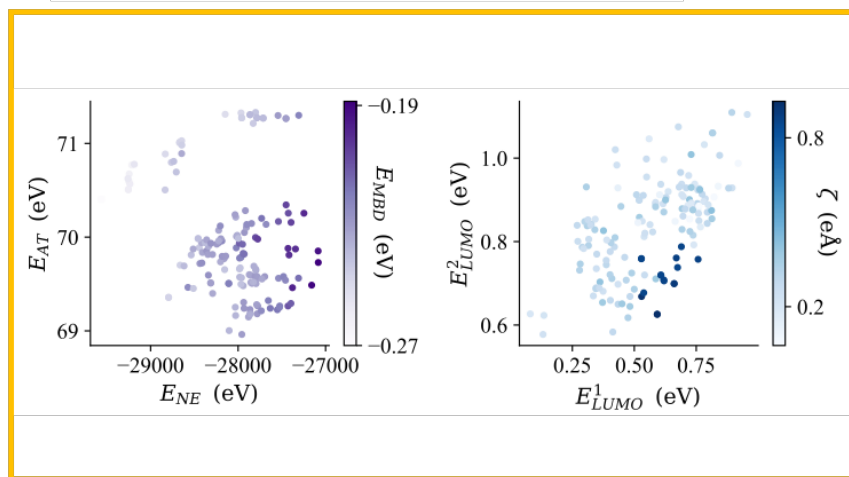


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- Isolating one of these *stripes* we find it is further clustered based on number of hydrogen atoms

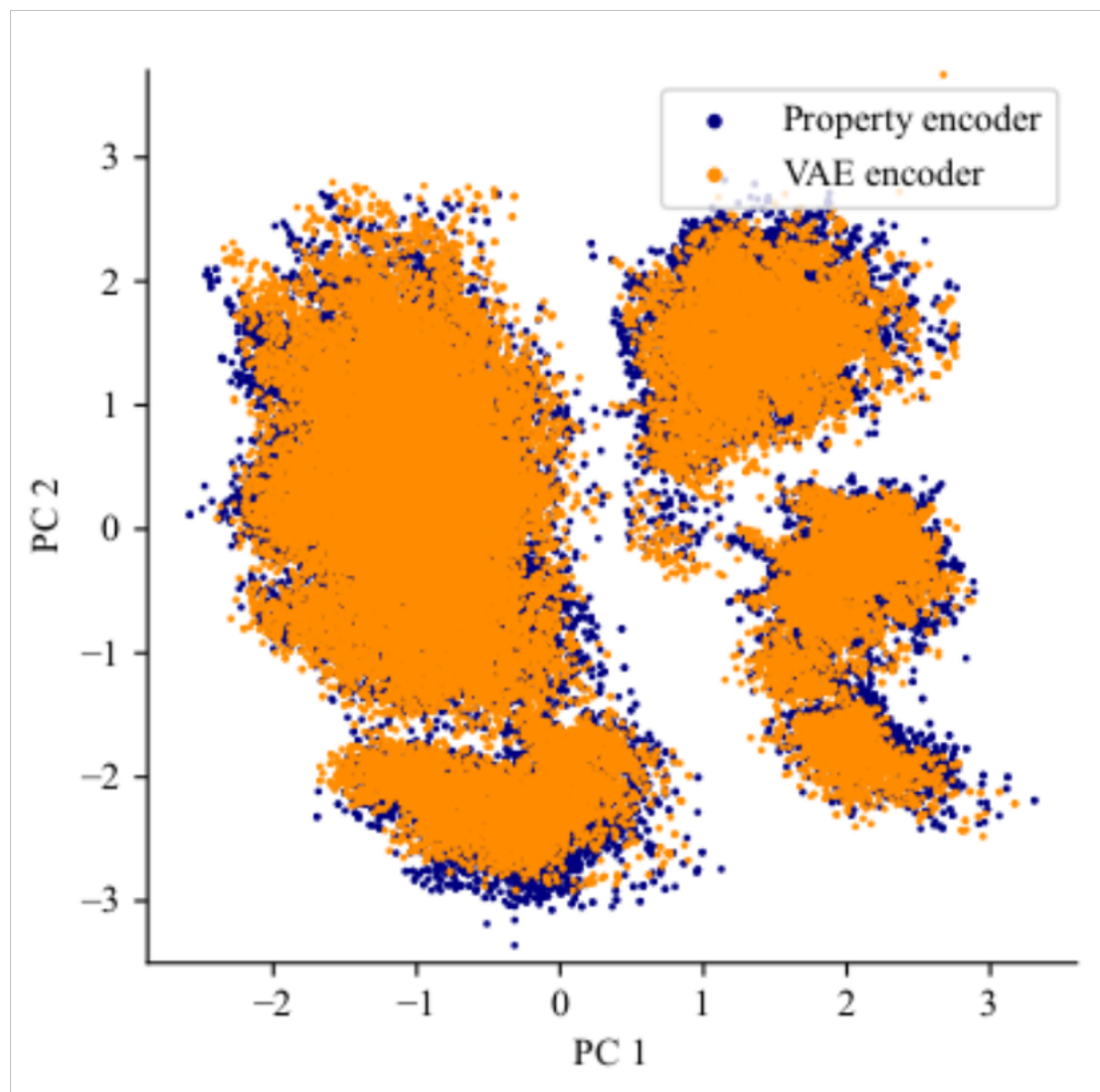


- Each cluster is an isomeric subspace which is better isolated by high gradient map valued properties



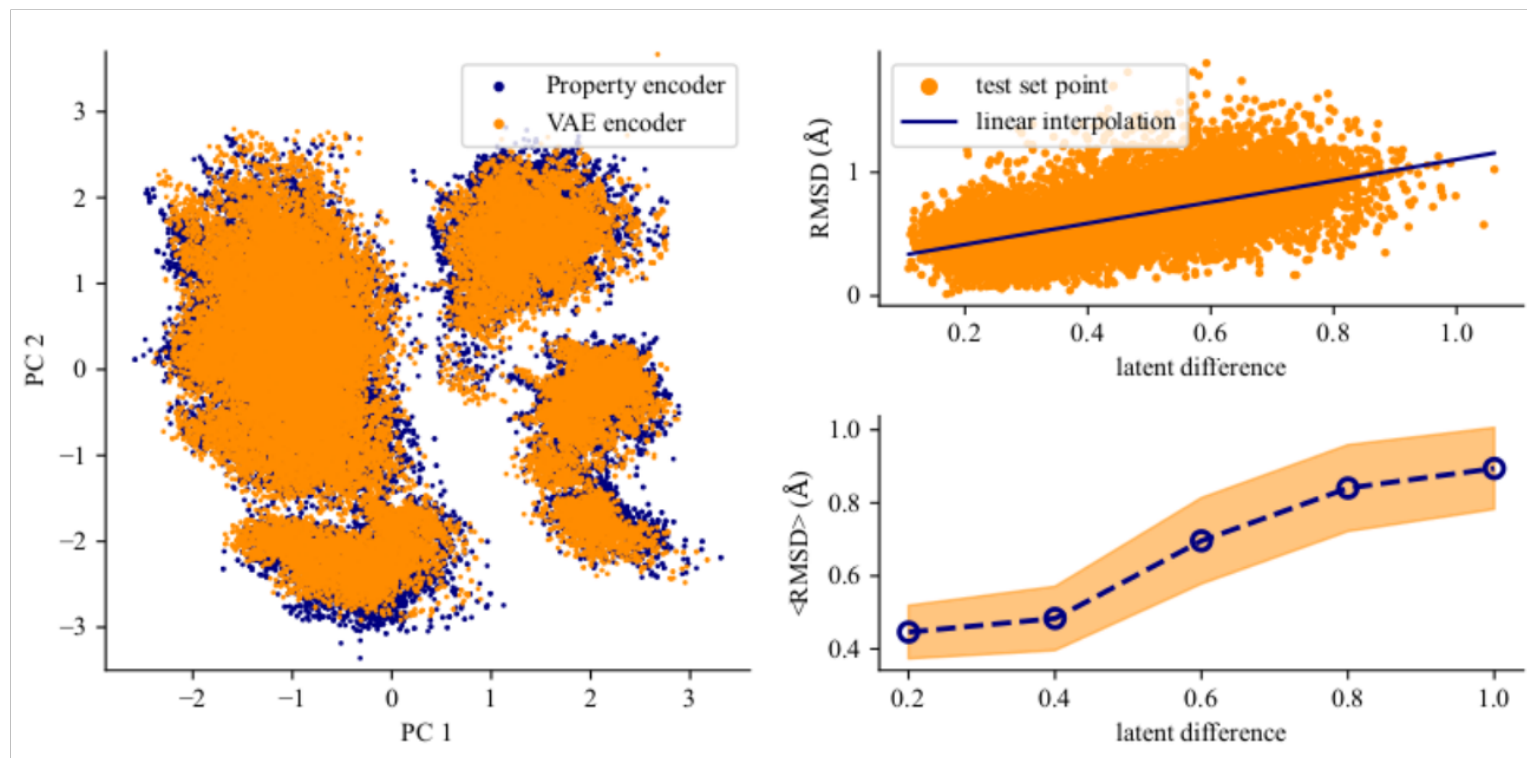
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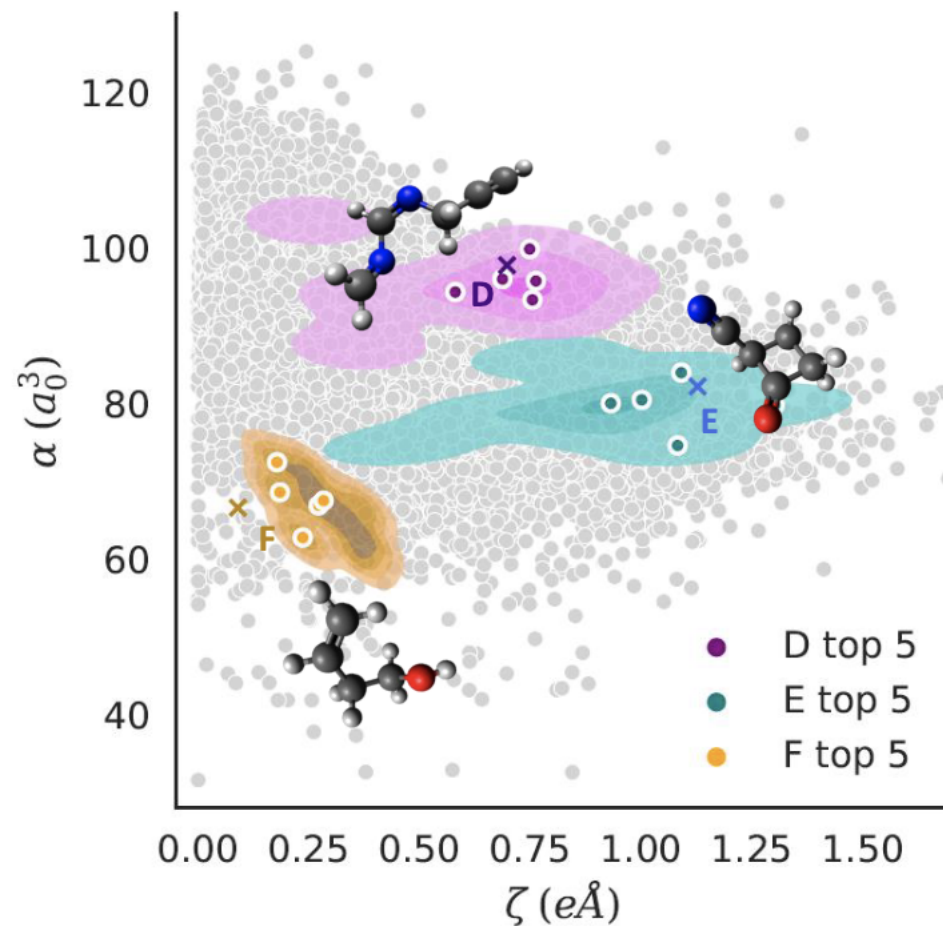
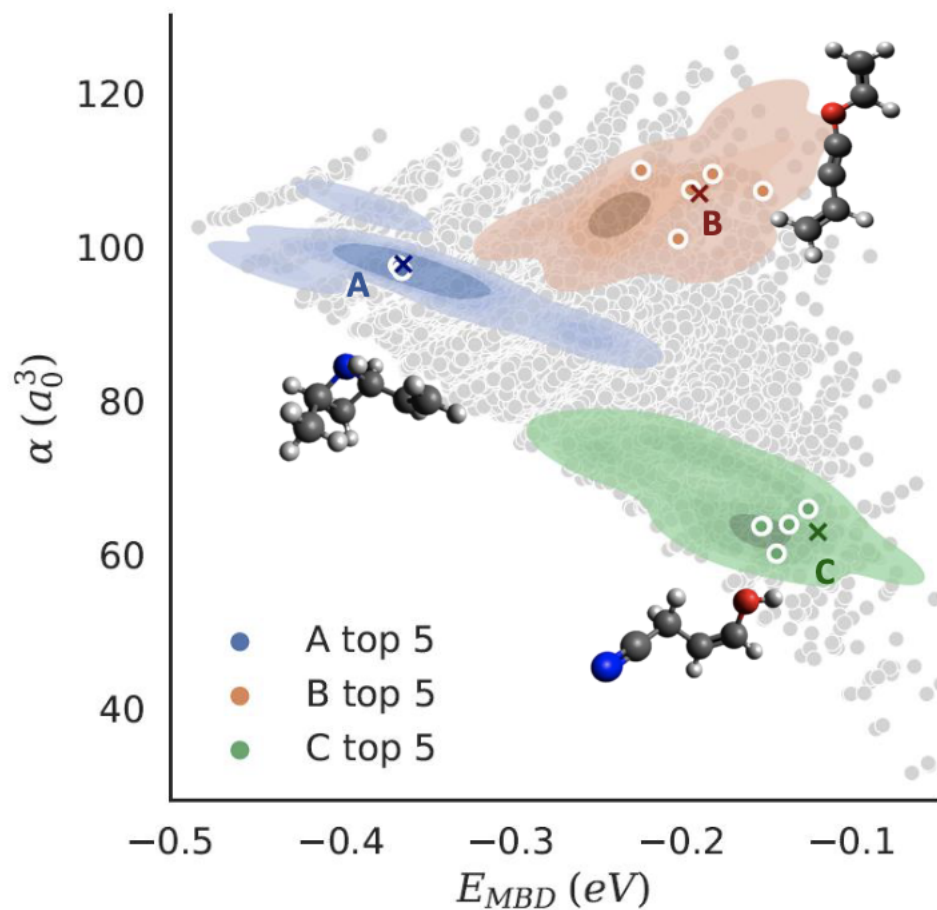


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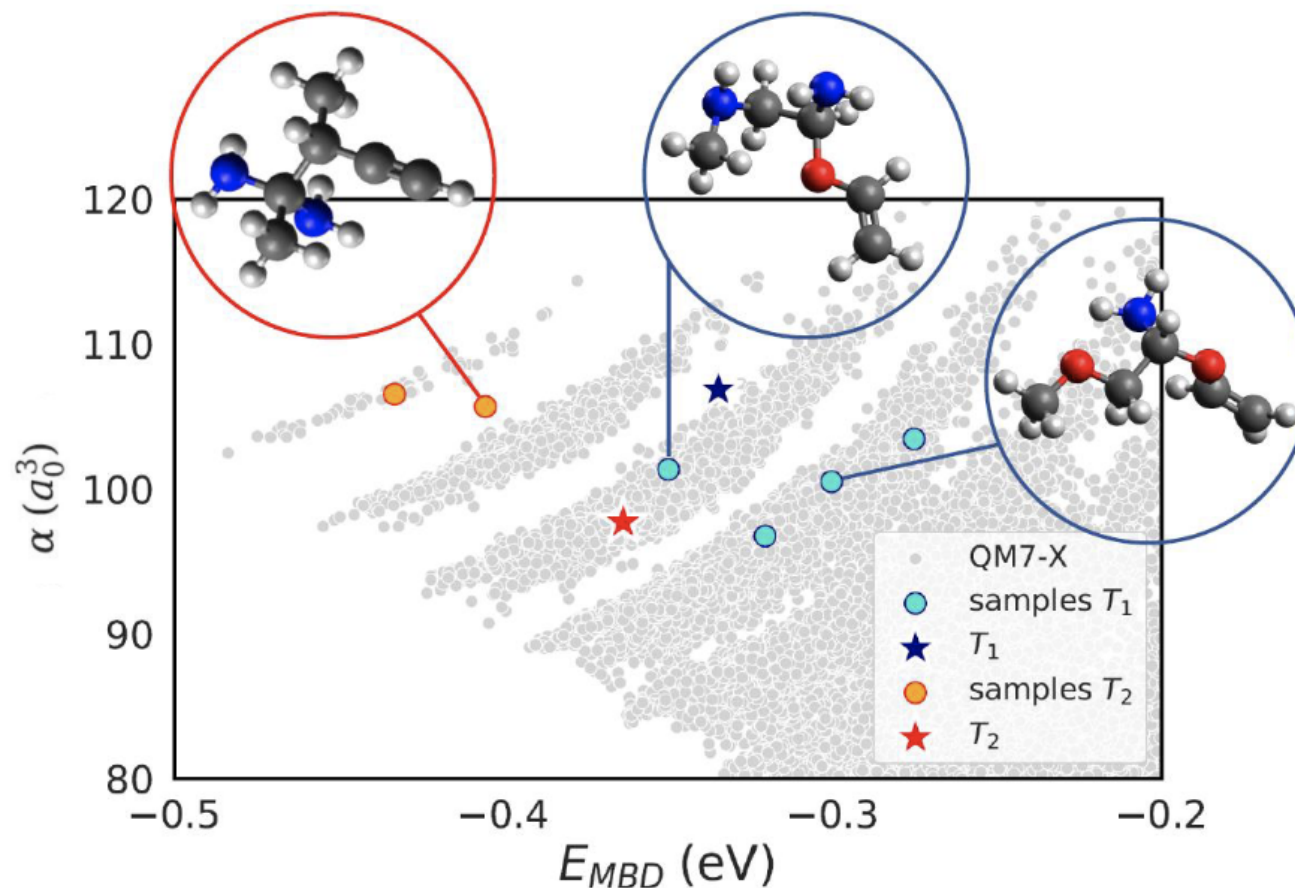
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(Baby)-Steps Towards Inverse Molecular Design: Finding Molecules with Given Properties



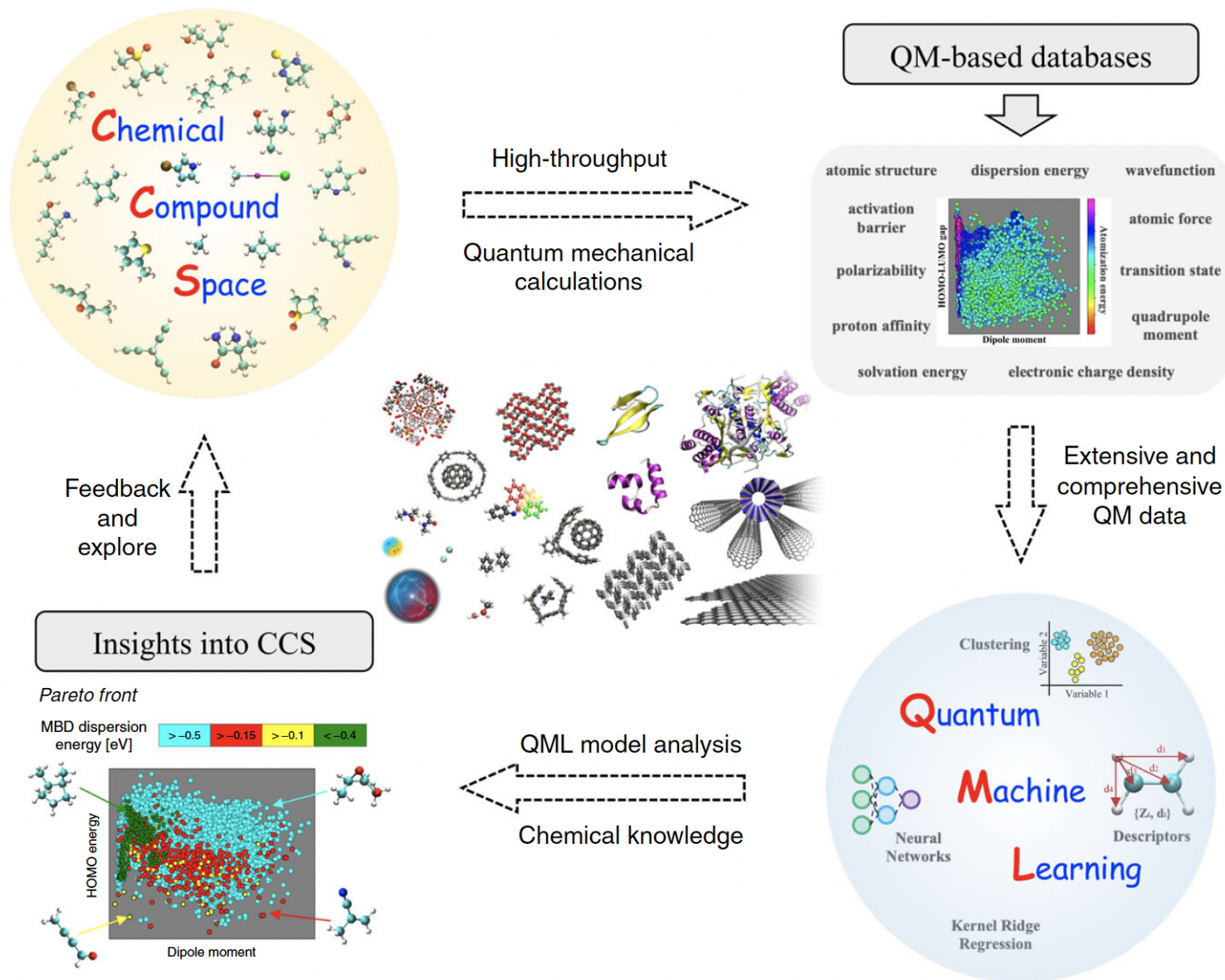
(Baby)-Steps Towards Inverse Molecular Design: "Extrapolation" to *De Novo* Molecules



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Combining Direct and Inverse Molecular Design

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